

Amendments to the Abstract

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-- The invention relates to an illuminating device comprising an optical source ~~(S)~~ emitting an unpolarized light beam ~~(F1)~~, a polarizing beam splitter comprising a grid polarizer ~~(3)~~ situated between the faces ~~(10 and 20)~~ of two prisms ~~(1, 2)~~. The light beam penetrates into the first prism through a face ~~(12)~~ and reaches the polarizing beam splitter ~~(3)~~ that transmits the light having a first polarization direction to the face ~~(22)~~ that reflects it toward an exit face ~~(21)~~. In addition, the splitter reflects the light having a second polarization direction to the face ~~(12)~~ that reflects it toward an exit face ~~(11)~~. Application: Display and projection systems

—— **Figure for the abstract:** ~~FIGURE 2a.~~——